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1. CHAVDAR DAMYANOV, DEPUTY CHIEF MFA CULTURAL COOPERATION DEPT, HAS TOLD US GOB WILL HAVE CANDIDATE FOR MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT (M-RP) IN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY (REFTEL B) AND THREE CANDIDATES FOR "REGULAR" PROGRAM (REFTELS C). HE GAVE NO INDICATION IN WHICH OF FIVE OFFERED FIELDS LATTER WOULD BE.

2. KAMOVA INFORMALLY ADVISES PROSPECTS ARE FAVORABLE FOR HER TO PARTICIPATE IN M-RP ON ADMINISTRATION OF THE ARTS, BUT PERHAPS NOT EXTRA, INDIVIDUAL TWO WEEKS (REFTELS D). SHE ASKED P&C OFFICER IF SHE COULD PARTICIPATE IN ONLY THREE WEEKS OF M-RP; HE REPLIED PROBABLY NOT, BUT AGREED TO ASK DEPT. (FYI: WE FEEL HER SUPERIORS WILL PERMIT KAMOVA TO PARTICIPATE IN FULL FOUR WEEKS IF ALTERNATIVE IS NOT TO PARTICIPATE AT ALL. FURTHER, PARTIAL PARTICIPATION IS BAD PRECEDENT, WHEN WE HOPE BULGARIANS WILL INCREASINGLY PARTICIPATE IN THESE PROJECTS.)

3. WE WILL ASK DAMYANOV TO EXPEDITE BIODATA SO AS TO MEET JUNE 16 DEADLINE (REFTEL A), BUT ON BASIS OF EXPERIENCE WE HAVE NO CONFIDENCE HE WILL COME THROUGH IN TIME. IF FUNDS PERMIT, KAMOVA GRANT LOOKS AS
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PROBABLY AS ANYTHING IN THIS ENVIRONMENT, PERMITTING FY-75

FUNDS TO BE SET ASIDE.

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